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For: THE USE OF COPOLYMERS OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND LONG CHAIN
COMPOUNDS WITH ISOLATED C-C MULTIPLE BONDS AS THICKENERS OR
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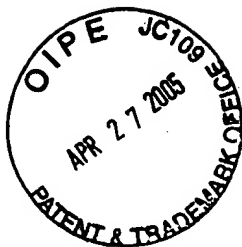
Applicants request a status report on the above-identified application. Applicants filed a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment on June 18, 2002 (copy enclosed with postcard receipt). Applicants continue to await a response thereto.

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IN RE APPLICATION

OF: SCHADE ET AL.

CONFIRMATION No.: 6064

SERIAL No. 08/325,219

GROUP ART UNIT: 1713

FILED: OCTOBER 21, 1994

EXAMINER:

FOR: THE USE OF COPOLYMERS OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND LONG CHAIN COMPOUNDS WITH ISOLATED C-C MULTIPLE BONDS AS THICKENERS OR DISPERSANTS

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181
TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to the Honorable Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment indicated in the Notification dated May 31, 2002 (*marked as Paper No. 23*).

STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS:

1. On March 20, 2002 (*indicated date of Mailing*), the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences issued a decision sustaining the appealed rejection.
2. On May 20, 2002, applicants filed a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (*copy of Form PTO/SB/29 enclosed*), along with a preliminary submission including a preliminary amendment of the claims (*marked as Paper No. 23; copy enclosed*).
3. In a Notification dated May 31, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the application is abandoned because the period for seeking court review of the Board's decision had expired and because there were no allowed claims.

M E M O R A N D U M

37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) provides that a continuation application may be filed before termination of proceedings on a prior application, "before" meaning in this context "*not later than*" (ie. MPEP §711.02(c)).


In light of the Boards decision of March 20, 2002, the proceedings in the prior application were terminated on the date on which the time for an appeal to the court or review by civil action expired, ie. May 20, 2002, (ie. 37 C.F.R. §1.197(c) and §1.304). Accordingly, applicants' continuation application was timely submitted. A holding that application Serial No. 08/325,219 was abandoned is, therefore, not deemed appropriate.

C O N C L U S I O N

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the holding of abandonment dated May 31, 2002, be withdrawn and that the application be returned to the Examiner for entry and full consideration of applicants' continuation application. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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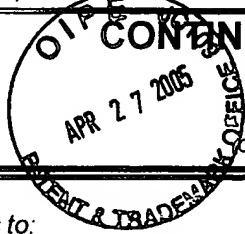
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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08 / 325,219, filed on 10/21/94, entitled USE OF COPOLYMERS OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND LONG CHAIN...

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
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Honorable Commissioner of
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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION

PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a Continued Prosecution application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d), of application Serial No. 08/325,219, filed on October 21, 1994, which is filed in reply to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated March 20, 2002. For further prosecution, kindly enter and consider the following preliminary amendment and remarks:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A marked up version indicating the changes made in the respective paragraphs of the specification is found in Appendix II.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as indicated in Appendix III attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix IV.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Claims 10 to 15 and 17 as set forth in Appendix IV of this paper are now pending in this case. Claims 10, 13, 15 and 17 have been amended as indicated in Appendix III of this paper. The specification has been amended to set forth the continuing data of the application (ie. *Appendix I and Appendix II of this paper*). No new matter has been added.

Applicants have amended Claims 10, 13, 15 and 17 to further specify the nature of the long-chain compounds which constitute component (B) of the copolymer utilized in applicants' composition as a thickener or dispersant. Accordingly, the constituent (B) of the copolymer is now specified as one or more compounds selected from the groups of

(1) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids which may have additional hydroxyl groups, as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, alkyl esters, amides, sorbitan esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,

(2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and

(3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids,

(ie. *Claim 10*). In light of the respective amendment, the copolymers of applicants' invention no longer fall within the generic realm of the copolymers taught by **George** (EP 047 009) which require a combination of

- from 65 to 90% by weight of acrylic acid monomers, and
- from 10 to 35% by weight of an α -olefin having 6 to 18 carbon atoms, styrene or a substituted styrene,

(ie. *page 2, indicated lines 19 to 26, of EP 047 009*). The disclosure of **George** provides nothing which would suggest or imply the modifications of the copolymers which are necessary to arrive at the copolymer of applicants' invention. The referenced prior art teaching therefore fails to render the subject matter of applicants' claims *prima facie* obvious. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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THE CHANGE(S) IN THE SPECIFICATION (Appendix II)
THE CHANGES IN THE CLAIMS (Appendix III)
THE AMENDED CLAIMS (Appendix IV)

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A P P E N D I X I:

THE SUBSTITUTE SECTION(S) OF THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1:

- After the title and prior to the first paragraph, ie. at indicated line 5, insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a Continued Prosecution Application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/325,219, which was filed on October 21, 1994.

A P P E N D I X II:

THE CHANGE(S) IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1:

- After the title and prior to the first paragraph, ie. at indicated line 5, the following new paragraph has been added:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a Continued Prosecution Application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/325,219, which was filed on October 21, 1994.

A P P E N D I X III:

THE CHANGES IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 10 as indicated in the following:

10. (trice amended) A cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition, containing as a thickener or dispersant an effective amount of a copolymer obtained by free radical polymerization of
- A) 50 - 99.9% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C₃-C₅-monocarboxylic acid, of an olefinically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acid or of its anhydride or a mixture of such carboxylic acids or anhydrides with
 - B) 0.1 - 50% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C multiple bonds selected from the group consisting of
 - (1) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids which may have additional hydroxyl groups, as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, alkyl esters, amides, sorbitan esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,
 - (2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and
 - (3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids,
 - ~~[(4) C₁₀-C₂₅-alkyl vinyl ethers, and]~~
 - ~~[(5) terminal or internal C₁₆-C₃₀-alkenes,]~~
 - C) 0 - 49.9% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers and
 - D) 0 - 10% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.

Amend Claim 13 as indicated in the following:

13. (twice amended) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the copolymers have been prepared using as component B one or more long-chain compounds with isolated double bonds selected from the group consisting of
- (1) mono- to tetraunsaturated C₁₄-C₂₄-monocarboxylic acids, as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, C₁-C₄-alkyl esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,

- (2) mono- to tetraunsaturated aliphatic primary C₁₄-C₂₄-amines, and
- (3) mono- to tetraunsaturated primary C₁₄-C₂₄-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids. [7]
- ~~[(4) C₁₀-C₂₃-alkyl vinyl ethers, and]~~
- ~~[(5) terminal C₁₆-C₂₄-alkenes.]~~

Amend Claim 15 as indicated in the following:

15. (trice amended) A copolymer obtained by free-radical polymerization of
- A) 50 - 99.9% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C₃-C₅-monocarboxylic acid, of an olefinically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acid or of its anhydride or a mixture of such carboxylic acids or anhydrides with
 - B) 0.1 - 50% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C multiple bonds selected from the group consisting of
 - (1) mono- to tetraunsaturated C₁₄-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, C₁-C₄-alkyl esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,
 - (2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and
 - (3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids,
 - ~~[(4) C₁₀-C₂₃-alkyl vinyl ethers.]~~
 - C) 0 - 49.9% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers and
 - D) 0 - 10% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.

Amend Claim 17 as indicated in the following:

17. (amended) A cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 10 and containing as a thickener or dispersant an effective amount of a copolymer obtained by free radical polymerization of
- A) 50 - 99.9% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C₃-C₅-monocarboxylic acid;
 - B) 0.1 - 50% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C multiple bonds from the group comprising

- (1) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids,
- (2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and
- (3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols,
- ~~[(4) C₁₀-C₂₅ alkyl vinyl ethers, and]~~
- ~~[(5) terminal or internal C₁₆-C₃₀ alkenes,]~~
- C) 0 - 49.9% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers, and
- D) 0 - 10% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.

A P P E N D I X IV:

THE AMENDED CLAIMS:

10. (*trice amended*) A cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition, containing as a thickener or dispersant an effective amount of a copolymer obtained by free radical polymerization of
- A) 50 - 99.9% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C₃-C₅-monocarboxylic acid, of an olefinically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acid or of its anhydride or a mixture of such carboxylic acids or anhydrides with
 - B) 0.1 - 50% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C multiple bonds selected from the group consisting of
 - (1) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids which may have additional hydroxyl groups, as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, alkyl esters, amides, sorbitan esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,
 - (2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and
 - (3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids,
 - C) 0 - 49.9% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers and
 - D) 0 - 10% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.
11. (*amended*) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the copolymers are obtained by free-radical polymerization of
- A) 75 - 99.45% by weight of carboxylic acid component A,
 - B) 0.5 - 24.95% by weight of the long-chain compounds with isolated C-C multiple bonds B,
 - C) 0 - 24.45% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers and
 - D) 0.05 - 5% by weight of crosslinker component D.
12. (*amended*) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the copolymers have been prepared using acrylic acid, methacrylic acid or maleic anhydride as component A.
13. (*twice amended*) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the copolymers have been prepared using as component B one or more

long-chain compounds with isolated double bonds selected from the group consisting of

- (1) mono- to tetraunsaturated C₁₄-C₂₄-monocarboxylic acids, as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, C₁-C₄-alkyl esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,
 - (2) mono- to tetraunsaturated aliphatic primary C₁₄-C₂₄-amines, and
 - (3) mono- to tetraunsaturated primary C₁₄-C₂₄-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids.
14. (*amended*) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein the copolymers are used which have been prepared using as component D allyl ethers of pentaerythriol, trimethylolpropane or sucrose with at least two allyl ether units in the molecule as well as allylether methacrylate, oleyl (meth)acrylate or methylenebisacrylamide.
15. (*trice amended*) A copolymer obtained by free-radical polymerization of
- A) 50 - 99.9% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C₃-C₅-monocarboxylic acid, of an olefinically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acid or of its anhydride or a mixture of such carboxylic acids or anhydrides with
 - B) 0.1 - 50% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C multiple bonds selected from the group consisting of
 - (1) mono- to tetraunsaturated C₁₄-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids as well as their alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, C₁-C₄-alkyl esters, glycerol esters or polyglycerol esters,
 - (2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and
 - (3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols as well as their esters with saturated C₁-C₄-monocarboxylic acids,
 - C) 0 - 49.9% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers and
 - D) 0 - 10% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.
17. (*amended*) A cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 10 and containing as a thickener or dispersant an effective amount of a copolymer obtained by free radical polymerization of

- A) 50 - 99.9% by weight of an olefinically unsaturated C₃-C₅-monocarboxylic acid;
- B) 0.1 - 50% by weight of one or more long-chain compounds with isolated C-C multiple bonds from the group comprising
 - (1) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-monocarboxylic acids,
 - (2) mono- or polyunsaturated aliphatic C₈-C₃₀-amines, and
 - (3) mono- or polyunsaturated C₈-C₃₀-alcohols,
- C) 0 - 49.9% by weight of other copolymerizable monomers, and
- D) 0 - 10% by weight of one or more compounds with at least two olefinically unsaturated groups in the molecule as crosslinkers.